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## Y.M.C.A. PARLIAMENT.

Another debate of a very interesting character took place at the Y.M.C.A. Debating Society on Tuesday evening on a bill to provide for a graduated income tax for Hongkong. The motion was introduced by Mr. T. Fuller and supported by Messrs R. A. Lowery and E. B. Cubey, while Mr. J. W. Troakes, Captain F. A. Brown and Captain Baker spoke in opposition. The motion was carried by one vote. On Tuesday evening a public inter-debate is to be held between the Y.M.C.A. and the Union Church Literary Club on the subject of the Asiatic emigration question. As this is a subject which is assuming large proportions and which will eventually have to be discussed on a universal basis the debate ought to be a most interesting one. The Y.M.C.A. who selected the subject are to be congratulated on their foresight and courage in grappling with such a thorny problem.

## WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY FOR CHINESE EMPIRE.

Natural Difficulties of Interior To be Surmounted.

PEKING, Feb. 21.

The Board of Posts and Communications sent a despatch of an important nature to the Telegraph Administration, Shanghai, to-day.

The question of a wireless telegraph installation in the interior was pointed out by the Administration as one of the most important needs of China to-day. It is said the Board, practically impossible to establish an ordinary land line across the great deserts between Peking and the extreme North West (Hsing Chiang, Altai, etc.) but the natural difficulties could be surmounted by the use of wireless.

## RUSSIAN RESTRICTIONS ON ASIATICS.

With a view to reducing the influx of Koreans and Chinese into the Amur territory, it is proposed by the Russian Government to impose a residential tax of 10s. annually on adults, and 5s. on minors between the ages of ten and fifteen. Children under ten will be exempt from the tax. As the Koreans and Chinese have to pay for their own national foreign passports as well, it is expected that the new tax will deter many from entering Russian territory. Strict medical supervision will be exercised over the immigrants, and no crippled or diseased Koreans and Chinese will be admitted. The preamble of the Government Bill points to the demoralizing influence of the Koreans on the Russian peasant soldiers. "The Koreans are capital agriculturists, and they lease the peasants' land, thereby enabling the owners to live without working, and so encouraging idleness and idleness among them. The Chinese immigrants mostly settle in the towns, where their presence is unwelcome owing to their lowering the rate of wages, and for hygienic reasons."—L. and O. Express.

During 1908, the Netherlands India forces found plenty of work in quelling rebellions in the islands of Celebes, Sumatra, Sumba and Timor. Official returns show that, in different engagements, 594 rebels were killed, but only eleven were wounded. This extraordinary disproportion points to very good marksmanship by the soldiers, or to no quarter being given. Just think of it, says a contemporary, 594 kills out of 605 hits!

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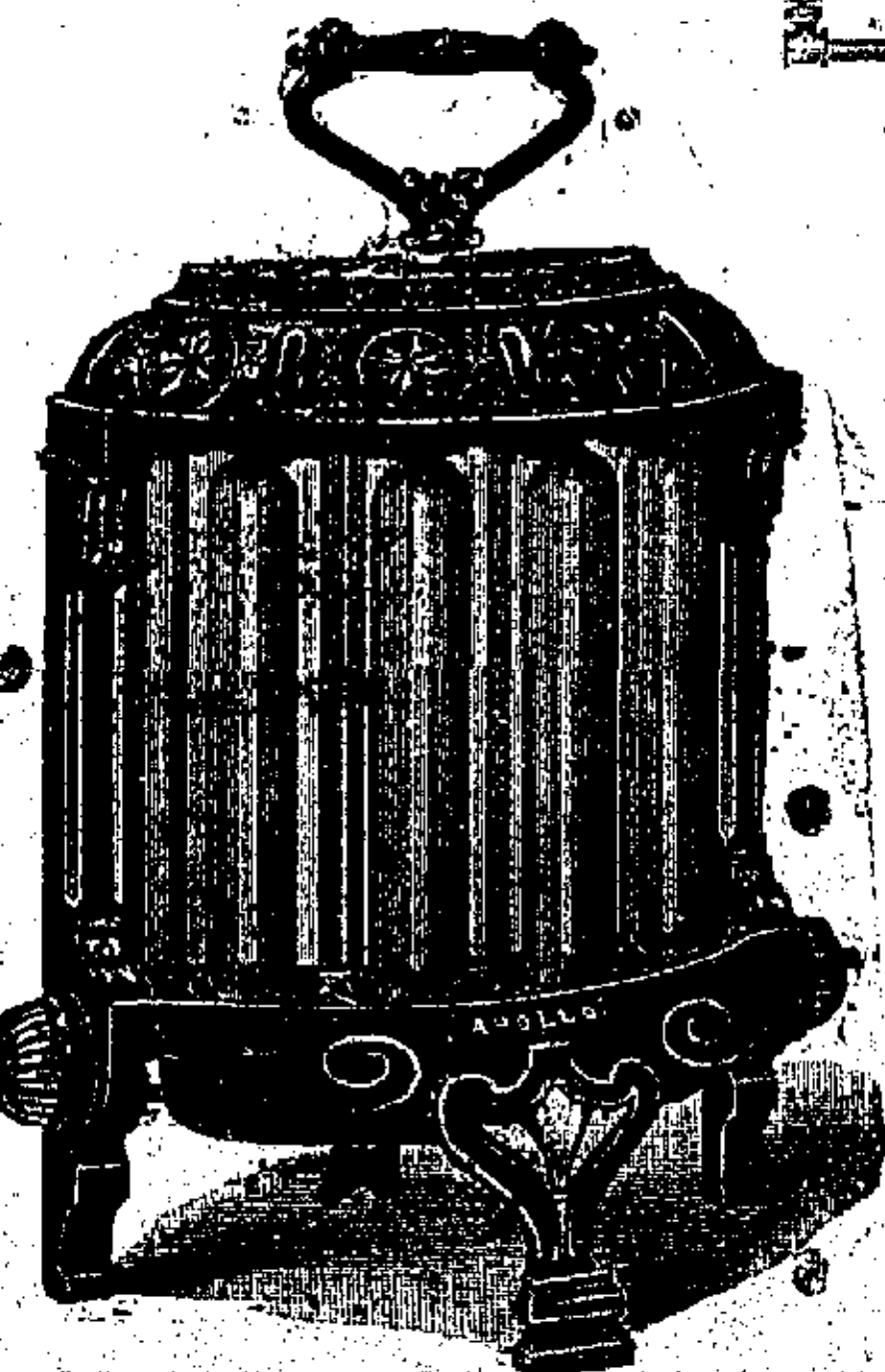
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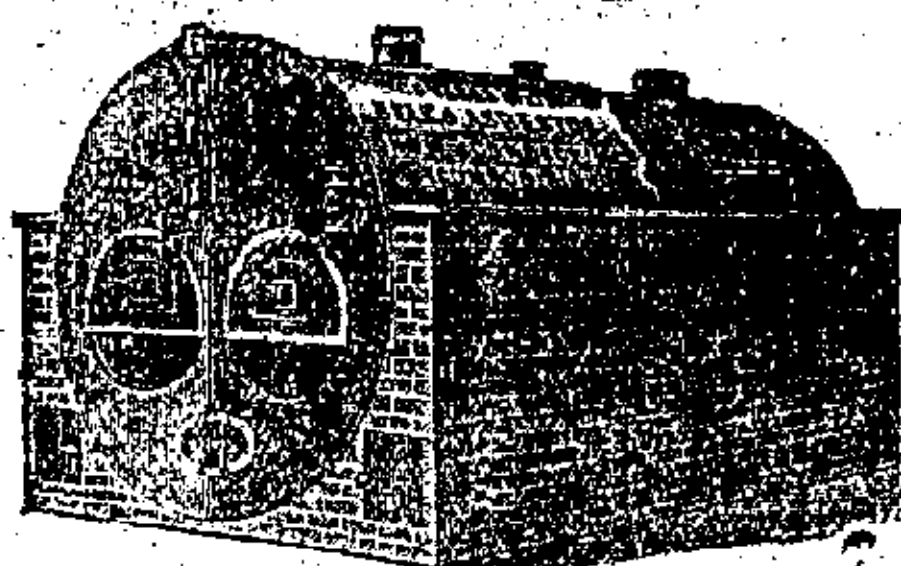
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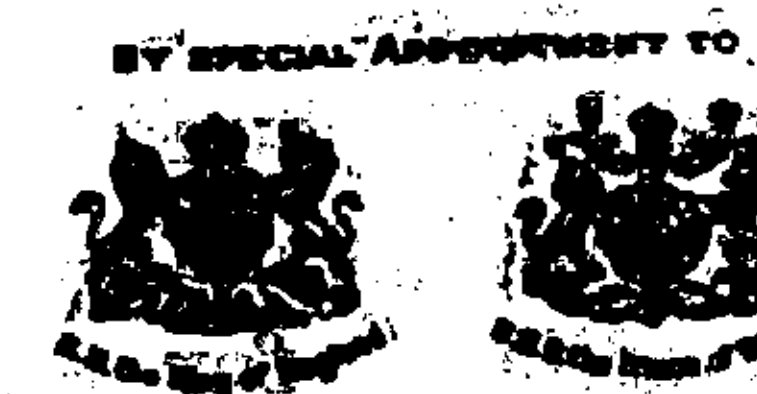
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## NOTICE.

THE FIFTEENTH HALF-YEARLY  
DRAWING OF SIXTY-FIVE PRIZES  
OF THE HONGKONG CLUB  
WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, the 11th  
MARCH, 1908, at 11 o'clock a.m., at the  
HONGKONG CLUB HOUSE at 11 o'clock a.m., on  
FRIDAY, the 13th MARCH, 1908.  
Bettors of Debentures are invited to  
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By Order,  
JAMES CRAIK,  
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Hongkong, March 9, 1908.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,  
JOHN L. ANDREW,  
General Manager.

Hongkong, March 6, 1908.

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ANNUAL MEETING of the Share-  
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at the Office of the General Agents, King's  
Building, on FRIDAY, the 19th March,  
at 11 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving  
the Report and Statement of Accounts for the  
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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company  
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JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,  
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Hongkong, March 4, 1908.

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## SOLDIERING IN NIGERIA.

## Training For Bush-Fighting.

The life of a British officer serving in  
West Africa is far from being dull and  
uneventful, as is shown by an account  
given by Lieutenant R. H. Rowe, R. A.,  
in the United Service Magazine, of a sol-  
dier's work in Southern Nigeria.

Owing to the peculiar nature of the  
country, he says, special training is required  
for the military force engaged in it, and  
the climate and the limitations of transport  
demand qualities that white troops cannot  
acquire. To operate against the enemy the  
transport must be reduced to a minimum;  
to operate successfully against the climate  
the European's baggage must be of incon-  
venient size, including filtering apparatus,  
cooking outfit, imported food, and many  
other necessities. The native soldier, on  
the other hand, is able to carry on his  
person almost everything necessary to his  
comfort and well-being. He is able to  
keep perfectly fit on a diet of yams, and  
can drink with impunity water that would  
have a disastrous effect on European troops.

No less remarkable are his powers of mar-  
ching, chiefly attributable to the fact that  
he does not wear boots, the soles of his  
feet being of a consistency resembling that  
of wood. Sore feet, as known among white  
troops, do not exist for him, and he is  
capable of marching twenty miles a day  
with ease—a no light matter in the tropics.

All transport in Southern Nigeria is per-  
formed by carriers, who are temporarily  
enlisted for a campaign, provided with  
number badges, and divided into gangs  
under headmen. They can each carry a  
load of sixty pounds with ease, and keep  
up a very good pace. Horses and mules  
are difficult to keep alive on account of  
disease, chiefly caused by the tsetse fly.

The country is for the most part covered  
by a dense bush through which it is im-  
possible to see for more than a yard or so,  
or move without first cutting a path. This  
bush is intersected by narrow and winding  
native "bush paths," along which it is im-  
possible to march except in single file, and  
from which one is scarcely able to see a  
yard into the growth on either side.

It is interesting to note that up-country  
natives, when moving about a government  
clearing or other open space, do so in single  
file, so accustomed are they to being unable  
to walk in any other formation. Columns  
extend, therefore, a very great distance  
from front to rear, and it is necessary to  
reduce the number of carriers to a minimum  
to prevent a force becoming unwieldy.

The troops are trained for bush fighting  
by what is known as "Bush Drill," the  
principle of which is as follows:—  
The column is preceded, at a distance of  
perhaps one hundred yards by a point or  
group of four men under a native non-  
commissioned officer, in charge of a  
European officer or colour-sergeant. The  
bush on either side of the column is searched  
by flankers moving in pairs. As movement  
through the bush necessitates continuous  
cutting work with the machet, these  
flankers have to be frequently relieved by  
others, and in such a manner as to leave no  
ground unexplored. The column is followed  
by a rear point resembling the point proper.

The rate of march, with flankers in ordinary  
bush, as may be imagined, is very slow.  
The flankers are not employed, therefore,  
unless the presence of the enemy is  
suspected.

The bushman's method of warfare is  
peculiar to the country. He generally cuts  
a series of paths inside the bush and, hav-  
ing hidden himself at a convenient spot  
just off the main path, waits for the column  
to pass. He takes a sniping shot at a range  
of about one to five yards and, without  
waiting to ascertain the result, retreats  
quickly by one of his paths, to reappear  
later at a different point on the road for  
another shot.

His weapon is generally either a cap-  
gun, snider, or finlock, the charge con-  
sisting of any rusty metallic rubbish at  
hand. The ordinary bushman's idea of  
musketry is, however, vague in the ex-  
treme: he prefers firing from the hip to  
any other position, but the short range at  
which he is enabled to fire by reason of the  
dense bush, the difficulty of controlling  
long columns, and nerve tension produced  
by this method of warfare demand a very  
high training and state of discipline in the  
troops that are operating against him.

THE NATIVE TROOP.  
The bushman is of a low type of  
humanity, but the soldier of the Southern  
Nigeria Regiment is of an infinitely superior  
type. He is recruited from many parts  
of the Yoruba from the back of Sierra Leone,  
the Mandi from west of the Middle Niger,  
the Hausa from Northern Nigeria, and  
others from different parts of West Africa.  
These different tribes all vary in their  
characteristics, and speak different lan-  
guages. From this material careful recruiting,  
energetic training, and good discipline pro-  
duce a force which is capable of operating  
with a mobility and an immunity from  
disease impossible with white troops, and  
the savings is met by a well-disciplined  
force, go where he will, and under any  
conditions of climate or ground that he  
may choose to fight.

The native soldier is very childlike  
in his regard for the morrow, resembling that  
of the illiterate of the field. He has the  
utmost confidence in his white officers,  
who, in his opinion, "savy too much," and  
knows all about everything, but on the other  
hand, he has the proudest contempt for  
the bushman, the enemy that he has to  
fight. To achieve a soldier of "bushman"

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## Intimations.

## THE REASON WHY

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MENT.

IT is hereby notified that information  
has been received from the MILITARY  
AUTHORITIES that GUN PRACTICE  
will be carried out as under:—  
On FRIDAY, the 13th March:—  
From Western Defence (all guns); in a  
South-Westerly to Westerly direc-  
tion, at ranges up to 10,000 yards,  
commencing at 9 a.m., and finishing  
at 1 p.m.

If the weather is unfavourable on the  
above date, Practice will take place on the  
following day.

All ships, junks and other vessels are to  
keep clear of the ranges.

BASIL TAYLOR, Commander, R.N.,  
Harbour Master, &c.

Hongkong, March 9, 1908.

SANITARY BOARD OFFICE,  
HONGKONG.

TO THE  
OWNERS OF DOMESTIC BUILDINGS.

TAKE NOTICE that under No. 6 of the  
DOMESTIC CLEANLINESS AND  
VENTILATION BY-LAWS (as amended),  
every Domestic Building or part of  
such building within the WESTERN  
Division of the City of Victoria,  
occupied by Members of more than one  
family, except those within the European Re-  
servation or those parts of a domestic build-  
ing used as a shop, office or godown, must  
be CLEANED AND LIMEWASHED  
THROUGHOUT by the Owners during the  
months of February and March.

N.B.—The word "throughout" used in  
this notice means that the houses should be  
cleaned in respect of all the Walls of  
each Room, all outside partitions, Stair  
cases and Balconies, all Ceilings and  
the Underneath of Roofs in Main  
Buildings, Offices and Servants' Quarters  
and in the case of Godowns, the Walls  
and Ceiling of the Godown must have its  
Walls limewashed up to the level of the  
First Floor.

Carved, Painted or Polished Woodwork  
in good condition, but which need not be  
limewashed but must be Cleaned.

The Western Division of the City lies to  
the West of Tank Lane and Cleverly  
Street.

The Government Limewashing Contract  
is prepared to cleanse and limewash  
floors at the rate of \$1.00 per floor on  
application being made to the Secretary  
of the Sanitary Board.

A. GIBSON,  
Secretary.

Dated this 1st day of March, 1908.

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Hongkong, May 18, 1908.

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In aid of the H.K. Ladies' Benevolent

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Assisted by local Ladies and Gentlemen.

Plan at the ROBINSON PIANO Co.,

Luo, Hongkong, February 23, 1909. 271

VICTORIA

CINEMATOGRAPH

WEDNESDAY, March 10th,

9 TO 11 P.M.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

AND

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Hongkong, March 6, 1909. 328

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in Hats and Toques,  
Laces, Trimmings, Under-  
clothing, Boots and Shoes,  
Hosiery and Gloves, etc.,  
etc.

MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Auction.

2.45 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-  
ture, at No. 34, Morrison Hill Road.

Meeting.

8.45 p.m.—Meeting of Institution of En-  
gineers & Shipbuilders of Hongkong,  
at Engineers Institute Rooms.

Amusements.

9 p.m.—Herbert Withers Concert at  
City Hall.

Miscellaneous.

Goods per Kamakura Maru not cleared  
on this date subject to rent.

General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, March 12.—

9 a.m.—Military Gun Practice.

2 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-  
ture, at Mr. J. Y. V. Vernon's resi-  
dence, 'Newlands', 37, Conduit Road.Goods per Endurance undelivered after  
this date subject to rent.

SATURDAY, March 13.—

Noon—Meeting of Geo. Fenwick & Co.,  
Ltd., at Hongkong Hotel.Goods per Prima Waldemar undelivered  
after this date subject to rent.

MONDAY, March 15.—

3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land at the  
Public Works Department's Office.9 p.m.—Military Band Concert at City  
Hall.

FRIDAY, March 19.—

11 a.m.—Fiftieth Half-Yearly Drawing  
of Sixty-five Delicacies of Hongkong  
Club at Club House.Noon—Meeting of China Sugar Refining  
Co., Ltd., at Messrs Jardine, Matheson  
& Co.'s Office.12.30 p.m.—Meeting of Loxon Sugar Re-  
fining Co., Ltd., at Messrs Jardine,  
Matheson & Co.'s Office.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 1909.

MANCHU AND CHINESE.

It is difficult for even the best placed

foreign observer to tell what is really

happening in Peking. So far the new

administration has entirely belied the

gloomy forebodings of those critics who

believed that the withdrawal of the

over-shadowing personality of the late

EMPEROR-DOWAGER would mean a general

break-up of the wide-spread Empire.

The shock to the administration caused

by the dramatic suddenness of the

downfall of YUAN SHU-KAI, the one

reputed strong man in China, has also

been much less than was anticipated

and to all intents and purposes the

PRINCE REGENT'S Government is gaining

strength daily. But there are rumours

that all is not well at Peking: that the

Court has become a worse hotbed of

intrigue and chicanery than it was in

the days of the EMPEROR-DOWAGER,

despite the steadily dwindling powers

of the Eunuch hierarchy. Reform

edicts, and plans for reorganization of

various Boards and Departments, are

flowing forth in a plentiful stream, but

shrewd observers are not placing much

confidence in them and declare they can

have little value until the Government

seriously sets to work to reform the

finances of the Empire. This is the

urgent need of the hour, and not the

question as to whether or not the

Manchus shall hold the chief adminis-

trative posts above the third grade in

official rank to the ousting of the

Chinese. Unfortunately for the good

of the Empire it is the latter topic which

most engrosses man's minds in Peking

to-day. The EMPEROR-DOWAGER used

shrewdly to balance Manchu and

Chinese against each other in the

higher posts of the Empire and in so

doing maintained a possible equi-

librium, the opposing forces being kept

Request in his terribly onerous task

of cleansing the Augean stables at Peking.

It is a task that would daunt the most

intrepid and well-wishers of China can

but hope that he will have strength

and courage to carry out the reforms

which he clearly contemplates. He has

invited free criticism—and we gather

has received it; he has granted free

access to his person; has dispensed with

all unnecessary forms and ceremonies,

and if rumour is to be believed is follow-

ing the illustrious example of the Caliph

HARUN AL RASHID of immortal memory

in moving about the city after nightfall

in disguise in order to ascertain how

things really are with his people. But

the best intentions in the world are

of no avail if not backed up by

moral force. Will the PRINCE RE-

GENT display this very essential quality

in the face of the bitter wrangling which

is now said to be going on daily between

Manchu and Chinese? This wrangling

if permitted to continue much longer

must inevitably have the effect of wreck-

ing all schemes of reform no matter how

subtly planned. It would seem that

the intense distrust of each other en-

gendered by the rival factions is already

responsible for much of the indecision

noticeable in the policy of the central

government at the present moment. A

strong personality of course would soon

evolve means for checking the mischief

can we reasonably hope that such firm-

ness of character is possessed by Prince

Cung? Time alone can show, but mean-

while China is getting deeper and

deeper into the quagmire of financial

troubles into which her incompetence

and pride have plunged her.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

We are informed by the Colonial

Secretary that quarantine regulations have

been imposed as Orissa ports against

arrivals from Hongkong.

Mr. E. D. O. Wolfe, Inspector of

Schools, has kindly consented to preside

at the annual prize distribution in connection

with the Victoria British School, at noon

to-morrow.

At the Chinese Y.M.C.A. on Thursday,

the 11th inst., at 8 p.m., Dr. K. T. Ho will

give a lecture on the subject, "Infection

and Prevention of the Plague." Men are

invited to attend.

Since the introduction of English educa-

tion among the girls of the White Jew

community in Coochin a few years ago,

there has been an intelligent appreciation

of the benefits among them. One of the

successful candidates in the recent Matricu-

lation Examination, Miss A. Hallegua,

belongs to a rich and influential family of

White Jews. She appeared as a private

candidate.

Statistics just published in Holland

show a marked increase of deaths from

cancer in that country. But the figures do

not state how many old residents from

Netherlands India are included in the re-

turns. The Batavia Nieuwsblad points

out the need for some such information

from its being a matter of common ob-

servation that many former residents of

Netherlands India die of cancer in the

home country.

The inaugural ball given in the Carnival

auditorium at Manila on the 4th inst in

honour of President Taft was a great suc-

cess. In the course of the evening the

Executive Committee sent off the following

telegrams:—To President Taft, Washing-

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The 106th Mahatma Light Infantry

sports are fixed for Friday next, Seedester

Day, when the officers will be "At Home"

at the U. S. R. C.

The Pacific Radio-Telegraph Company

has been registered, with a capital of

\$20,000. The object of the company is

to provide communication between the

Pacific Islands, Australia, and New Zea-

land.

Against the strong view of Mr. John

Dillon, M.P., the National Convention of

the United Irish party, by a large majority,

recommended that the Irish language should

be made a compulsory subject in the new

University of Ireland.

On the Yangtze River, Chinking

District, the position of the Rosina Rock

light boat has been altered, having been

shifted 1 cable east from her former

position. She is now moored about 2

cables S.S.E. from Rosina Rock in 27 feet

of water.



## THE BALKANS TROUBLE.

## NO DISCUSSION IN THE DUMA.

(Reuter Service, supplied by Reuter, via Howday.)

LONDON, March 9.  
M. Stolypin (President of the Council of Ministers) and M. Isvolsky (Minister for Foreign Affairs) have convinced the leaders of the parties in the Duma, that a discussion on the situation in the Balkans would be inopportune and dangerous owing to the violent speeches that might be expected from the Opposition.

## NEW DUTCH MINISTER TO PEKING.

(Reuter Service to the China Mail: Copyright protected under Ordinance 8 of 1894.)

LONDON, March 10.  
Jonkheer Beelcoerts van Blokland, son of the late Transvaal representative to Europe, has been appointed Dutch Minister at Peking.

## ITEMS AT THE COURTS.

The compradors of the s.s. Kwong Tai was to-day fined \$20, at the Magistrate's, by Mr. J. H. Kemp for failing to stamp the ship's receipt for goods consigned to Wuchow, the freight of which was only 20 cents.

Five boatmen were each fined \$5, by Commander Basil Taylor, R.N., at the Marine Court, to-day, for failing to keep the poles of their boats out of the water; while a boatman was also fined \$5 for not carrying the regulation light.

At the Magistrate's to-day, Private Hanson, of the Buffs, was charged with assaulting a rickshaw coolie. It was stated that defendant gave the coolie one cent for his fare and when the latter asked for more the soldier struck him a blow on the mouth, knocking out two teeth and cutting his jaw. The case was remanded for the production of an absent witness.

## VICTORIA CINEMATOGRAPE.

The large number of patrons of the Victoria Cinematograph are being nightly favoured with a very interesting and high-class entertainment at the hands of such artists as Jessie Thorne and Steve Adams. Their success is instantaneous and from first to last they keep the audience in continual merriment as one witicism succeeds the other, each edifying its predecessor, and provoking loud applause. The dancing of this celebrated comedy duo is superb and meets with hearty appreciation, both artists being encased. If it were only for this turn alone the Victoria Cinematograph is well worth a visit but the excellent programme is greatly enhanced by the recitations of Miss Cecilia Vernal who receives a great ovation. The pictures are sensational and include "French volunteer," "A duel," "Night out," "The detective Carter on the jewelry robbery," "Blaguet," "The pirate," "Jack has no clothes," and "The winner of the lottery."

## THE WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of Water in Reservoirs on the 1st March, 1909.

## CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

1908.	1909.
Typhoon, 20 ft. 4 in. below overflow	36 ft. 4 in. below overflow
Typhoon, 19 ft. 7 in. below overflow	28 ft. 4 in. below overflow
Typhoon, 18 ft. 10 in. below overflow	2 ft. 3 in. below overflow
Typhoon, 18 ft. 0 in. below overflow	10 ft. 1 in. below overflow
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## STANDARD GALLONS.

1908.	1909.
Typhoon, 18 ft. 0 in. below overflow	10 ft. 1 in. below overflow
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## Consumption of water in the City and Hill District during the month of February.

1908.	1909.
Consumption, 122,300,000 gallons	102,450,000 gallons
Estimated population, 250,000	250,000
Consumption per head, 49.3	41.0

## Constant supply in all districts during February 1909.

Intermittent supply by tide main in Rider main districts during February 1909.

The return of consumption is subject to error owing to the difficulty of accurate measurement whilst the extension works at Albany Filter Bed are in progress.

## KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

1908.	1909.
Kowloon, 20 ft. 4 in. below overflow	24 ft. 4 in. below overflow
Kowloon, 19 ft. 7 in. below overflow	18 ft. 4 in. below overflow
Kowloon, 18 ft. 10 in. below overflow	12 ft. 4 in. below overflow
Kowloon, 18 ft. 0 in. below overflow	10 ft. 1 in. below overflow
Kowloon, 18 ft. 0 in. below overflow	10 ft. 1 in. below overflow
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## Consumption of water in Kowloon during the month of February.

1908.	1909.
Consumption, 30,325,000 gallons	20,800,000 gallons
Estimated population, 51,700	50,000
Consumption per head, 58.8	41.6

## The Government analyst reports that the water is of excellent quality.

W. CHAN, Water Authority.

## HOW DIPHTHERIA IS CONTRAICTED.

ONE often hears the expression, "My child caught a severe cold which developed into diphtheria," when the truth was that the cold had simply left the little one particularly susceptible to the diphtheria germ. When the Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is given it not only cures the cold, but greatly lessens the danger of diphtheria or any other germ disease being contracted. When it is given at the first signs of the cold, it contains no opium or other harmful drug. For sale by all chemists and druggists.

## COMPANY MEETING.

## The Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd.

The twenty-second ordinary annual meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., was held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., King's Building, to-day.

Hon. Mr. W. J. Gresson presided and there were present, Sir Paul Chater, Messrs. E. G. Barratt, A. S. D. Conneland, J. W. O. Bonnar, G. E. Frisland, C. S. Gubbay, H. Helms, H. A. Siebs, E. Shelton, directors; Captain F. A. Brown, F. Smyth, W. H. Wickham, H. Percy Smith, A. Turner, Capt. Roffe, A. Forbes, Ho Rook, A. H. Ough, W. S. Brown, Mr. W. S. Smith and Mr. R. J. Macgowan, acting secretary.

The acting secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen—The report and accounts having been in your hands for several days I propose, with your permission, to take them as read. You will probably have observed that the accounts are presented in a somewhat different form from previous years, bringing them into line with those of other companies. Profit and loss account is debited direct with the amount spent during the year on repairs, which were unusually heavy owing to the disastrous typhoon which visited the Colony in July, and to dredging operations having become necessary to meet the requirements of the larger vessels now berthing at the wharves. As you will see from the figures before you the total expenditure under these headings amounted to the very large sum of \$34,000. The balance of profit and loss account is \$81,057.67, from which your directors recommend that \$50,000 be written off lighters. You will recall that after the typhoon of September 1906, in which the Company lost all its wharves except one, a large number of lighters were built, partly to replace those lost in the typhoon, but principally to enable the Company to continue its business while the wharves were being reconstructed. The lighters, of course, cost more than they would have done in normal times which explains why it is necessary to write off a large amount. The sum of \$50,000, which it is proposed to write off, represents some old stock of gear now practically worthless. The balance of \$31,057.67 it is proposed to carry forward to new account. For the first time in the company's existence your directors are unable to recommend the payment of a dividend. I do not think this is a case of surprise to any of you. It has been generally known that stocks of every description of cargo, and especially of yarn and piece goods, have been diminishing month by month. Two runs over 100,000 bales of yarn were stored with us, and our capacity was taxed to the utmost. During last year the stock fell to 20,000 bales, and though we closed the empty godowns and cut down expenses in every direction it has been impossible to make up for the loss in storage earnings, which amounted to \$124,000. Our earnings were less by \$25,000; on the other hand we reduced our expenses over \$40,000. The condition of trade, not only in this Colony but throughout the world, is so well known to all of you that I need not enlarge upon the effects which it has had upon our business, but before proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, I shall be glad to reply to any questions which you may wish to ask. Regarding the future, I may say that the accounts for January compare favorably with those of last year, and there are indications that an improvement in business is setting in, in which this Company may reasonably hope to participate.

There being no question the Chairman proposed the adoption of the report and accounts.

M. H. P. Smith said:—I sincerely trust that the closing sentiments of your speech may be a "silver lining to a more golden future."

The Chairman:—That is all the business, gentlemen. I am much obliged for your attendance.

## THE BUFFS SPORTS.

In connection with the Buffs Regimental sports which are to be held on the 17th inst., the preliminary heats were run off to-day. The results were:—

220 Yards, Scratch 1st Heat.—1st, Lance-Corpl. Champion; 2nd, Pt. Bench; 3rd, Pt. Elliott. 2nd Heat.—1st, Pt. White; 2nd, Pt. Miller; 3rd, Pt. Wells. The finishes were very close.

Half mile race.—1st, Lance-Corpl. Andrews; 2nd, Lance-Corpl. Reed; 3rd, Lance-Corpl. Sep. Eleven starters turned out for this race and it was very exciting one, Lance-Corpl. Andrews winning by about eighty yards, the time being 2 m. 3 sec.

Throwing the cricket ball.—1st, Pt. Hinton; 2nd, Pt. White; 3rd, Pt. Hinton.

## CANTON AGITATORS.

The effect of the recent meeting of Cantonese in Shanghai, when the Peking affair was violently discussed, is making itself apparent in Canton. On Monday a very large meeting of busy-bodies was held when speeches were delivered on the Peking affair—wherein a Chinese passenger was wrongly supposed to have been hurried out of life through the alleged brutality of a Portuguese ticket collector. The men at the bottom of the agitation are dangerous pure and simple and the victory won do well to prevent their mischievous influence from developing any further or into a more dangerous phase.

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## SPORTING.

## Hongkong Polo Club Tournament.

After having been twice postponed on account of bad weather, the first round in the Hongkong Polo Club tournament was opened at Causeway Bay yesterday afternoon. Even then the climatic conditions were not all that could be desired, and the result was that the attendance was not very large. But those who were present saw some capital sport. There were four matches down for decision, but by reason of the absence of some of the players only two were contested. During the afternoon a number of musical selections were rendered by the Buffs Band, while the members of the Club were "At Home" to their friends.

The "A" and "B" teams of the Buffs first took the field, the sides being as follows:—"A" team: Lieut. H. P. Potter, W. H. Green, J. Crookenden, and Capt. S. Barker. "B" team: Lieut. P. G. Scarlett, O. E. Davidson, H. D. Colman, Morley, and R. P. Wold. It was soon apparent that the "A" men were the superior lot, and at the first trial they scored three goals without response, the points being obtained by Lieut. Green, Potter, and Crookenden. On the opening of the second chukka the "B" team did a little better for a time, but the "A" team at length bore down upon them, and goals were put on by Green (two), Potter (two), and Crookenden. The game therefore ended in a win for the "A" team by 6 goals to nil.

Civilians and Buffs "C" met in the next game, the sides being:—Civilians: Hon. Mr. W. J. Gresson, Messrs. Dupree, Gedge, and Ross; Buffs "C": Lieut. Studd, Capt. Baird, Colonel Bayard, and Major Eaton. The teams seemed to be well matched at the opening, and for a time neither side had the advantage. Then the Civilians pressed, and eventually the ball came off Dupree's pony and shot between the posts. The equipping point was soon put on by Colonel Bayard, and before the bugle called a halt Dupree had put the Civilians ahead once more. The Civilians got in more good play on re-commencing, while on one occasion the Buffs got away and registered an offside point. The pressure was maintained by the Civilians, and when time came they were a further goal in hand, this having been scored by Gedge. Result:—Civilians, 3; Buffs "C," 1.

Weather permitting, the 13th Rajputs will this afternoon meet the Polo Club "B" team, play to start at 5.15 p.m.

The Polo tournament which was to have been continued this evening was postponed on account of the inclemency of the weather.

## Rugby Football.

D'ENTRECASTEAUX V. HONGKONG.

At Happy Valley on Tuesday afternoon a very interesting match took place between representatives of the French and the Hongkong Rugby Football Clubs.

The Frenchmen played a very good game notwithstanding their limited knowledge of the game but when time was called the score was thirty points to three in favour of the home team.

## League Football.

LUSIGNO V. BUFFS.

The following have been selected to play for the Lusitano Recreation Club against the Buffs on Thursday, at Causeway Bay:—Left off at 5.15 p.m.: M. Brito, A. V. Barros, L. C. Cordeiro, E. Soares, P. da Rosa, Aug. Baptista, A. Ribeiro, V. Azevedo, R. C. da Silva, C. Lopes, H. A. Hyndman.

## MONDAY'S CONCERT.

The following is the programme that has been arranged for the grand Military Concert by the Band of the Buffs, in aid of the Ladies Benevolent Society and the Eyre Refuge, on Monday next, 15th March.

Overture:—"William Tell".....Rosini Band.

Recitation:—Selected.....Mr. W. G. Worcester.

Reminiscences of Verdi.....Arr. Godfrey Band.

Song:—Selected.....Miss Olive Dixon.

"Peer Gynt Suite".....Grieg (1) "Pastoral" (2) "Death of Asa" (3) "Antares Dance" (4) "Dance of the Gnomes".....Grieg Band.

Overture:—"Tannhauser".....Wagner Band.

Song:—Selected.....Selected.

Selection:—"Cavalleria Rusticana," Mascagni Band.

Song:—Selected.....Selected.

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## LONDON LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

LONDON, February 9.

In these days we have all sorts of cures for all sorts of ailments. If there is any doubt about that, just tell everybody you meet you have a cold, or a headache, or anything down to housemaid's knee—and see what a crop of positive cures will spring up.

I am led to begin my letter thus because of the recommendation of curdled milk for opium habitues. I get this recommendation from a gentleman living in Paddington, who has lived for years in the poppy growing districts of India. He is a champion of the Indian ryots, and often writes to the papers here on their behalf but finds the hearts of editors hard. Now he has been moved by the publication of the Opium Commissioners' report on the Straits Settlements to give his opinions on the opium habit. His name is Donald Norman Reid.

He writes:—"I want in this letter to impress upon the British public the fact that opium is a poor man's crop, which is peculiarly suited to the conditions prevailing in Behar. And though many worthy people will be shocked at my writing in praise of the cultivation of the opium poppy crop, I may as well tell them that until malaria has been stamped out by scientific methods of farming it is folly to think of curtailing the use of opium in China and in India, since opium is a prophylactic against fever."

"The deaths from fever alone in India in the year 1901 amounted to 4,174,919, although that year was a comparatively healthy one; and I have not the slightest hesitation in saying that this death toll would have been largely reduced by the free use of opium and curdled milk."

"Teach the Chinese to take curdled milk, and I am convinced that opium smoking will then become a blessing in disguise. Superior persons may smile at this statement; but the fact remains that in Behar, where the poppy is cultivated in every village, the number of opium addicts may be counted on one's fingers. Moreover, during all the years that I spent in India among the poppy cultivators, I never heard of a case in which death was caused by opium eating."

"These Beharists have buffaloes, cows, and goats in every village; and they are particularly fond of milk and its products, a dish of curd (dahi) being considered by them the height of bliss."

"On the other hand I can remember several cases of suicide among Europeans suffering from malaria who had been treated only with quinine."

"Under these circumstances, why not send a batch of opium smoking Chinamen from the Straits Settlements to Behar to be taught the value of curdled milk in conjunction with the use of opium? These Chinamen would be usefully employed in Behar as gardeners and in rearing pigs for the favourite food of John Chinaman, while at the same time supplying the markets of Behar with fish and fish guano."

Here is another good word for the Chinese. Mr. R. Osborn writing in the periodical, Canada, declares that in Canada the same disease is not felt for the Chinaman as for the Japanese, the Chinaman being honest, sober, industrious, and not really unclean in his habits. He has a genius for domestic pursuits, and when he is employed as a cook, takes great pride in the cleanliness of his kitchen, and has been known to give notice when his employers refrained from entertaining freely. Without him the white woman would be a white slave throughout British Columbia; as things are, her life is often an endless round of work and worry.

The Parliamentary session that is just about to open will be a stormy one, without a doubt. There are divisions among the Liberals, among the Conservatives, among the Labour men, and, to a less degree, among the Nationalists. The suggestion I made in a previous letter that the election may very likely come in May seems to be held by many well known politicians to judge by the letters that are reaching the papers as to the results of the Lords trying, as there is a possibility, to meddle with the Budget, in spite of the rule that the Commons are supreme in matters of finance.

Not only that, but the elevation of Mr. Thomas Shaw to the Lords means that an extreme advocate of Scottish land reforms and of the reform of the Upper Chamber itself, thus goes to the Guild Chamber to tell the peers just how their shortcomings are regarded by the members of the other House. So the friction is likely to be grinding in both Houses this time.

Then there is the question of the naval strength. The parliamentarians may have a good case this time for strengthening the fleet, but they are driving the war-with-Germany idea to absurd lengths in the opinion of many impartial men.

This is not so much a party question as most matters. There is a majority on both sides probably for a strong navy, and there is also on both sides an intellectual and influential body of men who look with disgust on the methods adopted by the Harmsworth press to embitter the relations of two great nations. If a war should ever result, which I for one do not believe it will be largely due to the poison distributed in print every morning and every evening by the soulless combination of papers controlled by Lord Northcliffe. He has many aims and ends, but none would equal that in the ruin and devastation that would result from such a needless conflict.

As to the navy, the question runs, shall we have seven new Dreadnoughts or less? With the prospect of a deficit in the Budget of sixteen millions sterling, and a host of

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new expenditures to provide for, the lot of Mr. Lloyd George is a happy one. But the reports that there is division in the Cabinet over the naval policy is emphatically denied.

As to the defence army, it is at last booming. The situation has been saved by the play written by Major Du Maurier, son of the famous author of "Trilby." His brother Mr. Du Maurier, the actor, is producing this play, "An Englishman's Home," at Wyndham's Theatre. The halfpenny press has boomed to the skies, and the result is that all the seats are booked for weeks ahead. That is very excellent, and there has been a great spirit going to recruiting for the Territorial Army, but I am afraid the play is really rather cheap and lowly sentiment laid on with a trowel. However, that does not matter much, so long as the result is good, and the slack youths of England decide to wake up and go through their training. Many large firms, to encourage their employees to join, are promising more holidays with full pay, and preference in promotion and selection, to those who belong to the Territorials. Altogether, the play mentioned seems to be "doing the trick" after all "other means" of saving the country from conscription have failed. One funny thing is that the half penny Conservative papers, having praised the play and the enlistment growth without stint, have robbed the Liberal papers of effective criticism, for to condemn either of these things would be to strike a blow at a Liberal army scheme. It is an awkward position for them, and they are squirming in it, clearly uncomfortable. Some of the old Conservative penny papers too are something of a hole, for their dramatic criticism on the opening night of the play, treated it from a dramatic standpoint only, and found it most woefully wanting. Then the national defence idea popped up and the boom of the play started, so that these good old organs of public opinion have been backtracking ever since in an attempt to get back to the current phase of public thought.

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